[Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai.]

(*b*) whether they are aware that the Agricultural Inspector at Tiruvalla and the Demonstrator at Chengannur have reported during this period about insect pest within the jurisdiction of those officers; and

(*c*) what action has been taken on the above reports?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): The answer is in the affirmative. The Entomologist visited Kumarakom and most of the villages in Kuttanad in connection with the eradication of rice stem borer pest and the cocoanut leaf roller pest.

(*b*) The Agricultural Inspector, Tiruvalla and the Agricultural Demonstrator, Cengannur, have reported to the Entomologist about the outbreaks of some pests of the cocoanut palm and paddy within their jurisdiction.

(*c*) On receipt of their reports the Entomologist gave these officers detailed instructions in regard to the measures to be adopted in combating the pests.

*Acquisition of land for the Kottayam-Kumarakam road.*

76. MR. M. N. NARAYANA MENON (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which land acquisition proceedings for the Kottayam-Kumarakam road were started;

(*b*) when the land will be fully acquired; and

(*c*) in what year the said road can be completed?

MR. L. H. JACOB: (*a*) 24-6-1933.

(*b*) When the land acquisition proceedings are completed by the Land Revenue Department.

(*c*) The date of completion will depend on the yearly grant allotted for the work in the budget. The estimate for the first two sections alone is Rs. 36,700. (Expenditure till the end of 1108 is about Rs. 7,500).

*Grant of copies of Kanom documents to Jenmies free of charge.*

77. MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any memorial from the Jenmies of Travancore stating that they should be permitted to get attested copies of *kanom* documents from Sub-Registrar's offices free of charge; and

(*b*) whether they or the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer have given any instruction to the Sub-Registrars throughout the State for giving attested copies of *kanom* documents to Jenmies free of charge?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) No memorial has been received.

(*b*) The reply is in the negative.

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MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD : Will the member be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any instruction to the taluk authorities to receive jenmikaram statements only if they are accompanied by attested copies of the *kanom* documents ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : No.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD : May I know whether the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer has issued any such instruction ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : Government have no information.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD : Are the Government aware of the fact that several jenmikaram statements have been refused on the ground that they were not accompanied by attested copies ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : Government are not aware.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : Is it not inconvenient and troublesome for the Jenmies to furnish attested copies of various documents to the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : It is a matter of opinion.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : Will the Government be pleased to instruct the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer to get down copies of documents from the Sub-Registry Offices concerned ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : Free of charge ?

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : Yes.

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : I do not see the reason why Government should do that. Anyhow, Government will consider the question if the parties interested make a requisition.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI : കാണാധാരത്തിന്റെ കൌണ്ടർ പാർട്ട് ജന്മിയുടെ കയ്യിലില്ലെങ്കിൽ തണ്ടപ്പേർ ഹാജരാക്കി ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുത്തിയാൽ മതി എന്നു സെറിൽമെൻറാഫീസർ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI . ഗവണ്മെൻറിനതറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

*Increase of duty on tobacco in 1107.*

78. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they consulted the then Legislative Council when they increased the duty on tobacco in 1107 ?

MR. K. GEORGE : The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI : Why ?

MR. K. GEORGE : Because, in the first place, it is not required by any provision of law ; and secondly, changes in tariff are matters which have to be given effect to confidentially and expeditiously to prevent loss of revenue.

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